GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NITS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Instiiiites of Technology (NITs) set up in the country, State-wise ;

(b) whether the NITs have been able to achieve the envisaged objectives ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the need for increasing the number of NITs available in the country ;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith details of NITs likely to be established in various parts of the country ;

(f) whether the Government has decided to introduce NIT Bill; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)Presently, 19 NITs are functioning in the Country. These Institutions are located at :-

Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Calicut (Kerala), Durgapur

(West Bengal), Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh), Jaipur (Rajasthan),Jalandhar

(Punjab), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Kurukshetra (Haryana), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Patna (Bihar), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Rourkela (Orissa), Silchar (Assam), Srinagar

(Jammu and Kashmir), Sarat (Gujarat), Surathkal (Karnataka), Tiruchirappalli

(Tamil Nadu) and Warangal (Andhra Pradesh).

(b)&(c): The main objective for setting up of NITs is to provide Quality Technical Education and training in different branches of Engineering to bridge ihe gap of supply and demand of the technical manpower of the country.The objectives for which these Institutions are set op have been achieved.

(d)&(e) : A High Powered Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. R A Mashelkar set up in 1996 reviewed the status of Regional Engineering Colleges. The recommendations of the High Powered Review Committee were further examined by an Empowered Committee constituted in 1999 under the Chairmanship of the then Union Education Secretary. The Empowered Committee felt that the need of the Industry could be met by upgradation of Regional Engineering Colleges into National Institutes of Technology (NITs). Government of .India decided to convert 17 Regional Engineering Colleges into National Institutes of Technology with the status of Deemed to be University and structural changes in governance, on 14th May 2003. Thereafter, two more Engineering colleges namely Bihar College of Engineering, Patna and Engineering College, Raipur were taken over by the Central Government and converted them into NITs in the year 2004 and 2005 respectively. Presently, a proposal for conversion of Tripura Engineering College, Agartala.to that of NIT is under consideration of the Government of India.

(f)&(g) :The proposal is under consideration of the Government.